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SUBJ: GOL REACTION TO USNATO BRIEFING ON MIDDLE-EAST

1. ON JANUARY 23 MFA SECRETARY-GENERAL PIERRE WURTH SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER THORN WANTED US TO KNOW THAT THE GOL VERY MUCH APPRECIATED THE USG'S INITIATIVE OF JANUARY 18 IN BRIEFING THE NATO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HOWEVER, THORN WAS "SURPRISED" THAT THE US BRIEFING APPEARED "INCOMPLETE" AND ADDED LITTLE TO WHAT THE NATO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES ALREADY KNEW FROM OTHER SOURCES INCLUDING THE PRESS. FOR SUCH BRIEFINGS TO BE INFORMATIVE, THORN BELIEVES THAT EXPERTS WORKING DIRECTLY ON THE SUBJECT MUST ATTEND PERSONALLY AND BE ENCOURAGED TO SPEAK FRANKLY. IF SUCH BRIEFINGS DO NOT CONVINCE THE ALLIES THAT THE US IS WILLING TO SHARE TOPICAL INFORMATION, THORN IS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL CONSULTATION EITHER
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WITHIN NATO OR BETWEEN THE US AND EC. ACCORDING TO WURTH, LUXEMBOURG PERMREP FISHBACH REPORTED THAT AFTER THE MIDDLE-EAST BRIEFING THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO NATO WAS ABLE TO "MAKE POINTS" WITH SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS

WHO SHARED THE VIEW THAT THE US PRESENTATION HAD NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY FORTHCOMING.

2. COMMENT: THORN'S REACTION IS PARTLY CONDITIONED BY HIS NEWLY FOUND ROLE AS A SELF-APPOINTED WATCHDOG WHO IS PROTECTING THE US AND ATLANTIC COOPERATION AGAINST ATTACKS FROM THE FRENCH. BUT THORN IS ALSO GENUINELY INTERESTED IN FINDING EXAMPLES FOR LUXEMBOURG'S EC PARTNERS WHICH PROVE THAT THE US CAN OFFER RECIPROCITY IN CONSULTATIONS. THORN'S CRITIQUE IS THEREFORE BASICALLY A RESULT OF HIS DESIRE TO ESTABLISH CHANNELS OF MEANINGFUL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN WESTERN EUROPE AND THE US. FARKAS

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